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**Date:** 1/29/03 2:48PM  
**Subject:** I oppose media concentration!

Chairman Michael K. Powell:

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I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC miss the point completely concerning the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity and the broad coverage of important issues. While there may indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become much more limited and the selection of issues covered left to corporate elites.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. As the FCC has allowed our media outlets to merge, our ability to have an open, informed discussion from a wide variety of viewpoints has been compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

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With the deepest concern,  
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**Date:** 1/20/03 1:07AM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Michael K. Powell

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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Mr. Powell,

I don't think it is right how your agency doesn't make this change public and have the american people vote to have the media be controlled by a few Government agency's. I feel that having this done will affect our country. We already have a restrictions on the media and what can be broadcasted. The media already makes people look stupid and your agency is going restrict certain stuff. I could be wrong about this whole thing but you need to give the american people more information on what you are doing to the country the government can't go behind people's backs and decide something because they have a great deal of power. That is unfair we elected these people and you are going to decide something without the american people involved. Please get back to me on this. Thank you.

Yours Trully,  
Kevin Polzer

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**From:** Slsawyer322 Qaol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 11/20/03 2:21 AM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Susan L. Sawyer  
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January 19, 2003

Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
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It is devastating to watch as our once-great nation of the people, for the people and by the people crumbles into ruins and ashes. Now a selfish few decide the future for the many. We are no longer a democracy, but instead are fast spiraling down into a fascist government run by the corporate greedy. **You**, in your present thinking, are contributing to the demise of this country, democracy, and the people of this country. You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as it's guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy and the American people.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Sawyer

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**From:** PreshusAngel450aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/20/03 7:36PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

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Andrea Mandel



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**Date:** 1/22/03 10:35PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

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**From:** LifeAintPeachy@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/28/03 10:23PM  
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Brett McDaniel  
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**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/30/03 12:52AM  
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Evan Rose

**From:** Alex Robinson  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 1/19/03 4:06 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

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You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as its guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy.

Sincerely yours,

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